

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRED BY: Dave Kieda

TIME: 3:00pm

DATE: February 24, 2014

PLACE: 300 Park

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Wilcox, Paul Mogren, Mary Jane Taylor, Winston Kyan, Connie Bullis, Susan Johnston, Glen Hanson, Robert Mayer

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Ben Bromley, Tim Formosa

FINAL AGENDA

1. **Minutes**

Vote: Approved, Unanimous

2. **Discontinuation of Physiology Department and Degrees**

Dean Li, SOM
Christine LaSalle, SOM
Marilynn Paine, SOM

There are only two faculty currently in the Department. Many of the students and faculty have been sorted to other more apt programs. Graduate Students in the pipeline will need to be protected through Graduation.

Vote: Approve contingent upon confirmation that existing graduate students will be protected through their Graduation, Unanimous

3. **Create Department of Population Health Sciences**

Dean Li, SOM
Christine LaSalle, SOM
Marilynn Paine, SOM

Healthcare in this country is a very hot topic. We currently have no body to teach/research population health interests. This has received unanimous support from the SOM departments. Both Clinical and basic science have pushed for this. A vote in the School of Medicine open to all Faculty returned over 85% in favor. Department must have investigation and PhD's but would not have professional degrees. Department's impact would be broad to many parts of campus, not only within Health Sciences. Business, Economics, as well as other Health Science persons serve as an advisory board for the department. Majority of Faculty will be new hires from a national search. Degrees would be forthcoming. It must have a palpable effect on how we think about healthcare.

Vote: Approve, Unanimous

4. **Middle East Center Review**

Donna White, GS

The ME Ctr. is in the process of suspending its graduate program as well as discontinuing its Center status to become a Program and the question was raised whether the GC will still need to proceed with the scheduled center review. After discussion, the Council reached consensus that until these actions become official, the GC will proceed with the review but on a smaller scale.

5. **Online Degree Programs Approvals**
Donna White, GS

Donna will bring online degree program approvals to the GC as a bundle. This is to comply with the NWCCU requirements. These programs are not new programs but have increased their delivery to more than 50% online. The committee would like more clarification as to what specifics they would be approving.

6. **CIB and Stand-Alone Program Review Process Discussion**
Donna White, GS

Suggesting adding the stand-alone program review to the GC reviews, one or two additional reviews annually. These reviews will only be for those that offer graduate programs.

There are about 150 CIB's that need reviewed. Donna offered possible summarized review criteria as a format for the reviews. The GS has asked SVPAA for additional staff to help support this process. CIB's with curriculum should be more in depth review. One major task is to sort out dormant CIB's. Should a sub committee be formed to review these or sort these into smaller categories? An inventory should be taken to sort out which are active.

7. **Request to Add Postdoctoral/Staff Diversity Statistics to Grad Council Reviews**
Dave Kieda, GS

Should the council add the diversity of PD/Staff numbers into the statistics of the red book? The council had no concerns and generally felt this would be a useful addition.

Vote: Approved, unanimously